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SUBJECT: CAR MISSION DEBTS

REF A. STATE 047500; B. USUN 940

1. PER REF A, I DISCUSSED CAR MISSION DEBTS WITH SEC GEN
AT FOREIGN MINISTRY FARRA-FROND MARCH 15 ALONG LINES USUN
793. I INDICATED GENERAL EXTENT OF OUTSTANDING DEBTS, POSSIBLE
CONSEQUENCES THEREOF INCLUDING CUTOFF OF PHONE SERVICE, AND
NEED FOR BOTH LUMP SUM TO MEET PAST DEBTS AND INCREASE
IN REGULAR ALLOTMENTS FROM NOW ON.

2. FARRA-FROND INDICATED UNDERSTANDING OF SERIOUSNESS OF
SITUATION AND SAID HE WOULD BRING MATTER TO HIGH LEVEL
ATTENTION FOR PROMPT ACTION AND INFORM ME. WHEN I ASKED
HIM AGAIN ON MARCH 19 HE SAID MATTER WAS IN TRAIN. I
SUSPECT THAT, WITH BOTH BOKASSA AND FONMIN POTOLOT OUT
OF COUNTRY PROBABLY UNTIL NEXT WEEK, ACTION IS LIKELY
TO BE DELAYED UNTIL THEIR RETURN.

3. UNDERSTAND AMB. ADAMA-TAMBOUX HIMSELF IS EXPECTED
HERE SHORTLY ON CONSULTATION AND SHOULD BE ABLE TO PRESENT
HIS CASE IN PERSON. THIS SHOULD ALSO HELP SPUR ACTION.
WE WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW UP AND WILL ADVISE.

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4. RE PROBLEM OF BLOCKED BANK ACCOUNT NOTED REF B, THIS

COULD NOT ONLY HAVE NEGATIVE POLITICAL EFFECT BUT COULD ALSO
FURTHER HINDER MISSION'S PAYMENTS OF VARIOUS DEBTS EVEN
IF FUNDS DISPATCHED PROMPTLY. URGE DEPT. TAKE WHATEVER
STEPS IT CAN TO HAVE ACCOUNT UNBLOCKED.
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